

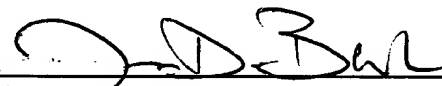
has been amended to incorporate the section headings suggested by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Claims 1-34 have been canceled and replaced with new Claims 35-68. The new claims generally correspond to the original claims, and have been revised to remove multiple dependencies and to otherwise place them in better form for examination in accordance with U.S. patent practice.

Favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions concerning this paper, or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his or her earliest convenience.

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